

## BOOK NOTICE

RICHARD PRIMACK. 2014. **Essentials of Conservation Biology, Sixth Edition**. (ISBN-13: 978-1-60535-289-3, hbk). Sinauer Associates, Inc., PO Box 407, Sunderland, Massachusetts 01375-0407, U.S.A. (**Orders:** [www.sinauer.com](http://www.sinauer.com), 1-413-549-4300). \$94.95, 603 pp., 294 illustrations, 8½" × 11".

*From the publisher:* *Essentials of Conservation Biology, Sixth Edition* combines theory and applied and basic research to explain the connections between conservation biology and ecology, climate change biology, the protection of endangered species, protected area management, environmental economics, and sustainable development. A major theme throughout the book is the active role that scientists, local people, the general public, conservation organizations, and governments can play in protecting biodiversity, even while providing for human needs.

Each chapter begins with general ideas and principles, which are illustrated with choice examples from the current literature. The most instructive examples are discussed in boxes highlighting projects, species, and issues of particular significance. Chapters end with summaries, an annotated list of suggested readings, and discussion questions. This new edition comes with extensive summary statements in the text margins, as study aids.

*Essentials of Conservation Biology, Sixth Edition* is beautifully illustrated in full color and is written in clear, non-technical language, making it well-suited for undergraduate courses.

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